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POLLUTER PAYS PRINCIPLE (PPP)

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1. BELOW FOR REFERENCE IS OPERATIVE

TEXT OF ENV/MIN(74)9 PART II, SECOND REVISION,
AUGUST 20, 1974, DRAFT RECOMMENDATION OF COUNCIL (NOT
ENV COM AS SHOWN REF A) ON IMPLEMENTATION OF PPP.
ADVANCE COPIES WERE AIRPOUCHED BENGELSDORF,
SCI, AUG. 18. SEPTEL COVERS SECRETARIAT'S OFFICIAL
REACTION TO REF A, AND CHANGES TO ENV/MIN(74)9 BASED
ON US FORMULATION, AGREED BY SECRETARIAT. MISSION NOTES
THAT JAPANESE AUTHORITIES HAVE ALREADY ACCEPTED NEW
SECRETARIAT DRAFT, AND JAPANESE PERMDEL SEES NO DIFFI-
CULTY IN OBTAINING HIS AUTHORITIES' APPROVAL OF US
PROPOSED CHANGES. UK HAS ALSO ACCEPTED. NETHERLANDS
AND FRG LIKELY TO PROPOSE CHANGES NOT AFFECTING PRINCIPAL
ISSUES. SECRETARIAT STILL DISCUSSING WITH OTHER
MEMBER COUNTRY AUTHORITIES.

2. BEGIN TEXT: COUNCIL I.REAFFIRMS THAT...(NO CHANGE;
IDENTICAL TO TEXT IN REF A).

II. NOTES:

1. THAT ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF A
COUNTRY'S OVERALL SOCIO-ECONOMIC POLICY;
2. THAT THE SIMULTANEOUS ACHIEVEMENT OF THE VARIOUS
OBJECTIVES OF A COUNTRY'S OVERALL SOCIO-ECONOMIC POLICY
MAY ON OCCASION REQUIRE THE GRANTING OF FINANCIAL ASSIS-
TANCE;
3. THAT, IN PARTICULAR, A SPEEDY OR SUDDEN AND VERY EX-
TENSIVE APPLICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY TO EXISTING
PLANTS MAY REQUIRE SUBSTANTIAL TECHNICAL CHANGES WHICH,
AS A CONSEQUENCE, MAY LEAD TO SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL,
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DIFFICULTIES, AND THAT TRANSITIONAL
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE MAY THUS BE NECESSARY;
4. THAT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THE
PURPOSE OF STIMULATING EXPERIMENTATION WITH NEW POLLU-
TION CONTROL TECHNOLOGIES AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW ABATE-
MENT EQUIPMENT.

III. RECOMMENDS:

1. THAT THE GRANTING OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR POLLU-
TION CONTROL, WHETHER IN THE FORM OF SUBSIDIES, TAX
ADVANTAGES OR OTHER FACILITIES, SHOULD BE STRICTLY
LIMITED, AND THAT IN PARTICULAR

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(A) IT SHOULD NOT BE APPLIED INDISCRIMINATELY BUT
RATHER SHOULD BE SELECTIVE AND RESTRICTED TO THOSE
INDUSTRIES, AREAS OR PLANTS WHERE EXCEPTIONALLY SEVERE
DIFFICULTIES WOULD OTHERWISE OCCUR;

(B) IT SHOULD NOT BE A PERMANENT FEATURE BUT SHOULD
BE LIMITED TO WELL-DEFINED TRANSITIONAL PERIODS ADAPTED
TO THE SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
A COUNTRY'S ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM;

(C) IT SHOULD NOT CREATE SIGNIFICANT DISTORTIONS
IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE;

(D) IT SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED IN THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES
AND IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE EFFICIENT IMPLEMENTATION OF
ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY IS SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZED;

2. THAT, IF NECESSARY, USE BE MADE OF A CONSULTATION
PROCEDURE AS MENTIONED IN THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES

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